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1. The chief of the Montevideo police ordered a raid on the Communist Party's printing office on 14 March. No hostile propaganda was found, but the party may regard the raid as a "declaration of war" as well as a warning. The police chief has given orders that all Communist wall signs be painted out. The Uruguayans have been asked to provide US Embassy officials with a daily report of all anti-conference propaganda appearing in Montevideo.

2. A major Uruguayan newspaper (40,000 circulation) has denounced the "agitators and Communists who are trying to create an unsettled climate for the meeting." There is no evidence that the general public agrees with the Communist position regarding the Summit. The Communists, however, are continuing their forceful propaganda attacks. Their intelligence seems to be good, for they are printing articles which mention aerial photographs that US officials have taken of Punta del Este, the Uruguayan plan to investigate Punta del Este residents, and the pass system which may be set up.

3. The Communist Party of Uruguay is looking into the possibility of throwing a Molotov cocktail against the house in which President Johnson will stay in Punta del Este, but well before the President arrives. The party would then exploit such an "attack" to publicize its campaign to repudiate the Summit.

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